

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. Claims 18-21 are subject to examination. Claims 1-17 and 22 are cancelled.
2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. NingNing Xu on February 13, 2008. 10/611,599

Amendments to the Specification

4. Please replace paragraph of "Cross-reference to Related Application" at line 4, page 1 of the specification with the following:

--The present application is related to co-pending U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/611,599, ~~Attorney Docket No. MS1-1527~~, entitled "Instant Messaging Object Store," by David Michael Miller, John Holmes, and Walter vonKoch, which is filed concurrently herewith, assigned to the assignee of the present application, and incorporated herein by reference for all that it teaches and discloses.--

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 18-21 are allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Haresh Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272-3973. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn, can be reached at (571) 272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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